



alif

Sound: long a, as in father; also the seat for hamza

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا

ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا

Practice words

أنا

anā · I

أنا أنا أنا

باب

bāb · door

باب باب باب

نار

nār · fire

نار نار نار

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. alif is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.